

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-13, 15-24, and 26-33 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-13, 15-24, and 16-23 are rejected.

35 USC §112 REJECTION, FIRST PARAGRAPH

Claims 1-13, 15-24, and 26-33 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

In the interests of the prosecution of the instant application, and without admission that any amendment is necessary, Applicant has amended the specification to more clearly reflect the flow path through the solenoid. Specifically, the specification has been amended to state how the path of fluid is from outside of the solenoid control valve 10, and travels into lateral extending support 28, through fluid supply passage 18 and into inner bore 26. The amended specification also states that the fluid then flows through ball valve 38, through passageway 42 to the control passage 20.

Applicant believes that no new matter has been added. Support for the specification amendments can be found throughout the specification and drawings as originally filed. More specifically, support can be found in the specification which now describes how the path of fluid is from outside of the solenoid control valve 10, and travels into lateral extending support 28, through fluid supply passage 18 and into inner bore 26. The specification also states that the fluid then flows through ball valve 38, through passageway 42 to the control passage 20. Applicant also points out that supply passage

18 and pressure control passage 20 are separate from one another. Fig. 1 depicts the bottom surface adjacent to port 28, which is a continuous surface that physically separates fluid supply passage 18 and fluid control passage 20. This separation surface is also clearly shown in Figs. 4-5. Applicant therefore submits that pending claims 1-13, 15-24, and 26-33 contain subject matter that is fully described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

Accordingly, the Applicant submits that the 35 USC §112, first paragraph, rejection of claims 1-13, 15-24, and 26-33 has been fully addressed and removal of the rejection is requested.

35 USC §112 REJECTION, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 1-13, 15-24, and 26-33 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

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Accordingly, the Applicant submits that the 35 USC §112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 1-13, 15-24, and 26-33 has been fully addressed and removal of the rejection is requested.


CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of the Application. The Applicant respectfully submits that each item raised by the Examiner in the Final Office Action of February 10, 2006 has been successfully traversed, overcome or rendered moot by this response. The Applicant respectfully submits that each of the claims in this Application is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney at (248) 364-4300 if any unresolved matters remain.

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